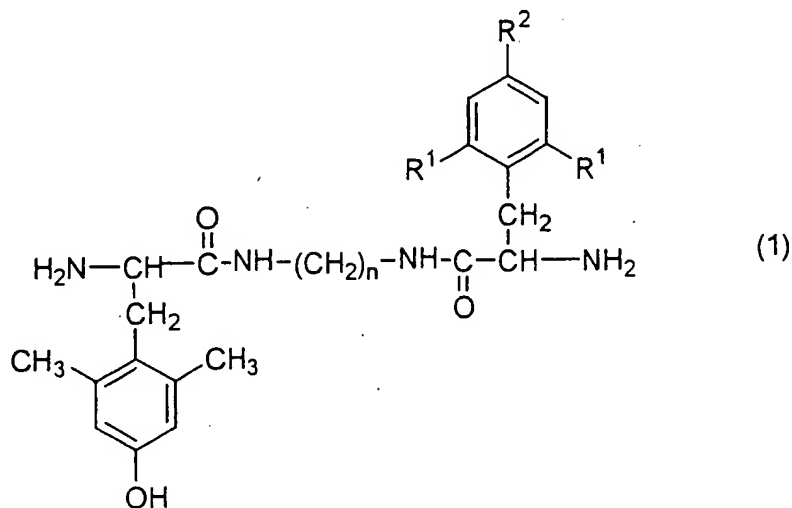


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A peptide derivative represented by the following formula (1) or a salt thereof:



wherein  $R^1$  is hydrogen atom or methyl group,  $R^2$  is ~~hydrogen atom or hydroxy group~~ and  $n$  is an integer of 1 to 8, ~~provided that  $R^1$  is hydrogen atom when  $R^2$  is hydrogen atom.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The peptide derivative represented by the formula (1) or a salt thereof claimed in claim 1, wherein  $R^1$  is methyl group.

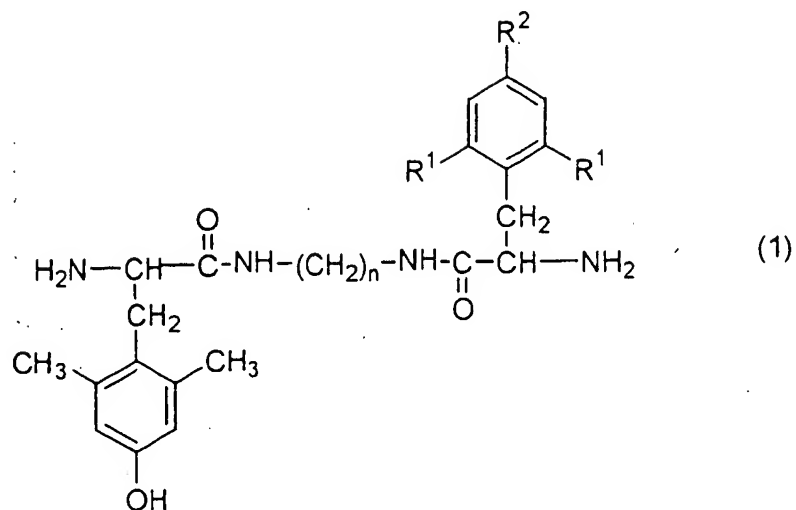
4. (Currently Amended) The peptide derivative represented by the formula (1) or a salt thereof claimed in claim 1 or 3, wherein  $n$  is an integer of 4 to 6.

5. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition containing a peptide derivative represented by the formula (1) or a salt thereof claimed in claim 1 or 3 as an active ingredient.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting or moderating pain comprising administering a peptide derivative represented by the formula (1) or a salt thereof claimed in claim 1 or 3 in an effective dosage to a patient having pain.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting or moderating the pain comprising administering a peptide derivative represented by the formula (1) or one salt thereof claimed in claim 1 or 3 in an effective dosage to a patient having pain or suffering from nervous defect disease related to  $\mu$ -opioid receptor activation:

8. (New) A peptide derivative represented by the following formula (1) or a salt thereof:



wherein  $R^1$  is hydrogen atom or methyl group,  $R^2$  is hydrogen atom or hydroxy group and  $n$  is an integer of 1 to 8, provided that:

- (a)  $R^1$  is hydrogen atom when  $R^2$  is hydrogen atom; and
- (b)  $n$  is an integer of 4 to 8 when  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are hydrogen atoms or when  $R^1$  is methyl.